



Re: Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau- Volunteer judges and attorney speakers in Alameda County classrooms, provided through the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

Dear Interested Educator,

Every year the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda and the Alameda County Bar Association (ACBA) participate in the national Law Day celebration by reaching out to help the community understand how our freedoms depend on our great system of law. Through our Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau (BBSB), we provide speakers from the legal field available for classroom presentations throughout the school year. We also provide educational programs and court tours designed specifically to celebrate Law Day. In the following paragraphs are brief descriptions of the Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau and court tours.

Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau

Through our Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau, we match judges and lawyers with interested educators. Speakers are available to make presentations in the classroom at no cost to schools. Using a “*Request Form*,” teachers may request a speaker to present on topics from any area of the legal field. Topics include the Constitution, Law as a Career, Democracy and Diversity, Juvenile Law/Youth Rights, and Role of the Court. Additionally, we hope to provide presentations that correspond with class curricula or your school leadership program. We encourage teachers to indicate on the request form other topics that may be related to what students are currently studying.

Law Day- Court Tours

While Law Day is annually celebrated on May 1st, the Court offers activities throughout the year, organizing concentrated activities during the month of May. These activities include court tours led by attorneys and court staff, courtroom observations, and classroom presentations from volunteer judicial officers and attorneys. Court tours are also available any day with a two-week prior appointment. Please indicate your interest in court tours on the “*Request Form*.” Unfortunately, we are not able to offer your students transportation to the courthouse for court tour activities. However, there are court locations accessible via either BART or AC transit.

If you are interested in participating in the Bench-Bar Speakers Bureau or in attending a court tour, please complete a “*Request Form*” and return it to Nancy Vue at the Superior Court at least two weeks prior to your requested date. The earlier the date, the more likely we can find a speaker to present in your classroom.

For further information contact, you may contact:

Nancy Vue at (510) 267-9478 nancy.vue@alameda.courts.ca.gov

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse

Planning and Research Bureau, Room 104-M

1225 Fallon Street; Oakland, CA 94612

Sincerely,

Honorable Barbara Miller

Presiding Judge

Superior Court Of California, County of Alameda

Mr. Spencer W. Strellis

President

Alameda County Bar Association

Honorable Leo Dorado

Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Law Day Committee Chair

Ms. Sheila Jordan

Superintendent of Schools

Alameda County Office of Education

Honorable Gordon Baranco

Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Community Focused Court Planning Committee Chair

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

BENCH BAR SPEAKERS BUREAU
REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Upon receipt of this form, you will be contacted with further information. Thanks for your interest!

MAIN CONTACT PERSON (Please complete a form for each teacher/host if requested times or dates are different.)

Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Initial)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Best Time(s) to Contact between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.: _____ Best method of communication?: Phone E-mail Fax Mail

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Street Name _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Organization Phone Number: (_____) _____ Organization Fax Number: (_____) _____

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are available throughout the year. Please provide dates and times (at least two weeks in advance) for when a speaker is requested. (Include four alternative dates and times.) Also, indicate below what topic you would like to have presented.

	Date	Time
First Choice		
Alternative #1		
Alternative #2		
Alternative #3		
Alternative #4		

Please circle topic(s):	Constitution	Law as a Career	Democracy and Diversity	Juvenile Law/Youth Rights	Role of the Court	Other: _____
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1. Please *specify* what you would like the students/audience to gain from the presentation:

2. Approximately how many people will be attending the presentation? _____

3. What audio-visual equipment are available? ___ Overhead projector ___ TV ___ VCR ___ Other: _____

COURT TOURS

If you are interested in court tours, please circle which court location you would like to tour. A court employee will contact you regarding possible dates and times.

COURT LOCATIONS: *Directly accessible via BART (approx. half-mile walk)	Wiley Manuel/Allen Broussard OAKLAND	Fremont Hall of Justice FREMONT*	Hayward Hall of Justice HAYWARD	Rene C. Davidson and County Administration Building OAKLAND*	Gale –Schenone Hall of Justice PLEASANTON
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Additional Comments/Special

Requests: _____

We look forward to working with you! Please mail or fax the completed form to Nancy Vue at:

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Planning and Research Bureau, Room 104-M
1225 Fallon Street,
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For more information, please call
Jim Brighton at (510) 272-5093 OR
Nancy Vue at (510) 267-9478

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Bench Bar Speakers Bureau

Students, teachers and speakers respond: "What did you like best about the program?"

Student Comments

- I like when she was telling how jail is and the way people act.
- When she was talking about drugs and how many years you will get behind bars.
- Well, I liked that we found out what would be the circumstances to go to juvenile hall.
- The way some of us got to act out as a defendant, a judge, and plaintiff.
- When I got to be the bailiff!! That was fun.
- The judge was real with what he was saying.

Teacher Comments

- Flexibility in scheduling
- Openness and friendliness of speaker
- Some of the presenters brought enthusiasm and passion to the tone of the presentation.
- Minority judge raised in Oakland (as speaker)
- Informative speaker with relevant information at age-appropriate level.
- Overview of court system; time for students to ask questions (personal touch)

Speaker Comments

- Hearing what the kids were interested in. The Q and A.
- Well organized. The students and teachers prepared.
- Students were very interested, asked many questions and seemed to feel like they were getting useful information.
- Q and A sessions with the students. Canine demonstrations.
- The students were great- very polite: attentive but also full of questions. Really made the hour interesting for me.
- The opportunity to speak to and listen to young people as they learn about our legal system.



Students in Department One listening to Presiding Judge Harry Sheppard speak.

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2003-2004 Presentation Schedule

	Date and Time	School Name	Presentation Topic	Speaker
1	Monday, November 17 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Bret Harte Middle School	Civil Rights (Constitution)	Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
2	Thursday, January 15, 2004 9 a.m.-10 a.m.	Bancroft Middle School	Law as a Career	Michael O'Reilley (Attorney)
3	Wednesday, January 21, 2004 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Bancroft Middle School	Constitution. Juvenile Law	Commissioner Glenn Oleon
4	Friday, February 13, 2004 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Bancroft Middle School	Constitution	David Hicks (Attorney)
5	Wednesday, February 18, 2004	Newark High School	Career Faire	Judge Dennis McLaughlin
6	Friday, February 20, 2004 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Martin Luther King M.S.	Law as a Career	Donna Coaxum (Attorney)
7	Friday, February 20, 2004 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Martin Luther King M.S.	Law as a Career	Donna Coaxum (Attorney)
8	Monday, March 1, 2004 11:45 -12:30 p.m.	Creekside Middle School	Law as a Career	Sandra Bean (Deputy County Counsel)
9	Wednesday, March 3, 2004 8:20 a.m.	Durham Elementary School	"Read Across America" Program	Judge Dennis McLaughlin
10	Wednesday, March 3, 2004 8:10-10:44 a.m.	Horner Junior High	Juvenile Law	Candace Goldman (Family Law Facilitator)
11	Wednesday, March 3, 2004 12:33-2:13 p.m.	Horner Junior High	Juvenile Law	Candace Goldman (Family Law Facilitator)
12	Monday, March 8, 2004 1:30-2:30 p.m.	Rudsdale Elite Academy	Juvenile Law (including drug court issues)	Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
13	Tuesday, March 9, 2004 10:35-11:35 a.m.	Madison Middle School	Constitution	Joel Freid (Attorney)
14	Tuesday, March 9, 2004 9:45-11:30 a.m.	Tennyson High School		Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
15	Wednesday, March 10, 2004 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Island High School (Continuation)	Law as a Career	Laura Lane (Attorney)
16	Thursday, March 11, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Chipman Middle School		Judge Larry Appel Judge Gloria Ryhnes Judges Krashna Judge Zika Commissioner Lott

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				Mark James and Maida Salcido
17	Thursday, March 11, 2004 Court Tour (RCD)	Chipman Middle School		Judge Joseph Hurley Judge Henry Needham Judge Tom Reardon
18	Thursday, March 11, 2004 Court Tour (RCD)	Chipman Middle School		Morris Jacobson
19	Friday, March 12, 2004 10:45-11:45 a.m.	Bret Harte Middle School	Constitution	Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
20	Friday, March 12, 2004 12:15-1:50 p.m.	Barnard-White Middle School	Law as a Career, Constitution, Juvenile Law	Superior Court Human Resource Bureau
21	Tuesday, March 16, 2004 7:30-8:30 p.m.	CAL Pre-Law Association (Criminal Law Forum)	Criminal Law	Judge Trina Stanley
22	Wednesday, March 17, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	McClymonds High School		Judge Rhynes and the Community Outreach Members
23	Wednesday, March 17 8:15-9:32 a.m.	Lincoln Middle School	Constitution	Kennedy Richardson (Attorney)
24	Wednesday, March 17 9:35-10:12 a.m.	Lincoln Middle School	Constitution	David Stein (Attorney)
25	Wednesday, March 17 10:55-12:52 p.m.	Lincoln Middle School	Constitution	Candace Goldman (Family Law Facilitator)
26	Thursday, March 18, 2004 9-10:15 a.m.	Bancroft Middle School	Law as a Career	Jeanine DeBacker (Attorney)
27	Thursday, March 18, 2004 10:15-11:15 a.m.	Bancroft Middle School	Law as a Career	Jeanine DeBacker (Attorney)
28	Thursday, March 18, 2004 10:00-11:00 a.m.	Rudsdale Elite Academy	Jim Crow Laws, Discrimination, etc.	Judge Gordon Baranco
29	Monday, March 22, 2004 8:05-9:38 a.m.	San Leandro High School	Civil Liberties	Angelo Campano (Attorney)
30	Monday, March 22, 2004 9:45-11:15 a.m.	San Leandro High School	Civil Liberties	Martha Bronitsky (Attorney)
31	Monday, March 22, 2004 12 noon-1:30 p.m.	San Leandro High School	Civil Liberties	Jaynelle Bell (Attorney)
32	Thursday, March 25, 2004 11:35 a.m.-12:34 p.m.	Castlemont High School	Law as a Career	Michael Thomas (Attorney)

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33	Tuesday, April 6, 2004 10:15-11:45 a.m.	St. Joseph Elementary	Law as a Career	Judge Yolanda Northridge
34	Thursday, April 8, 2004 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Mission San Jose High School	Law as a Career	Isaac Vaughn (Attorney)
35	Thursday, April 22, 2004 Court Tour (Pleasanton)			Judge Alice Vilardi
36	Friday, April 9, 2004 11:15 a.m.	Fremont High School	Law as a Career	Judge Gordon Baranco
37	Thursday, April 22, 2004 Court Tour (RCD)	Auditor Agency- Bring Your Kid To Work Day		Judge Julie Conger Judge Leo Dorado
38	Thursday, April 22, 2004 Court Tour (RCD)	County Counsel- Bring Your Kid To Work Day		Judge Gordon Baranco
39	Thursday, April 22, 2004 Court Tour (Pleasanton)	Bring Your Kid To Work Day		Judge Alice Vilardi
40	Tuesday, April 27, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Rudsdale Academy		Judge Rhynes and the Community Outreach Members
41	Wednesday, April 28, 2004 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Rudsdale Elite Academy	Law as a Career	Victor Ochoa (Attorney)
42	Thursday, May 13, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Westlake Middle School		Judge Rhynes and the Community Outreach Members
43	Thursday, May 13, 2004 10:35 a.m.	Madison Middle School	Family Law	Candace Goldman (Family Law Facilitator)
44	Thursday, May 13, 2004 8:15-9:00 a.m.	Lincoln High School	Juvenile Law	Sally Keane (Attorney)
45	Thursday, May 13, 2004 12:30-1:15 p.m.	Lincoln High School	Juvenile Law	Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
46	Monday, May 17, 2004 Speaking on location	Oakland High		Commissioner Lott
47	Monday, May 17, 2004 3:30-4:30 p.m.	Bret Harte Middle School	Law as a Career	Carole Raimondi (Family Law Facilitator)
48	Wednesday, May 19, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Corpus Christi Mock Trial		Judges Nakahara and Zika and the Community Outreach Members

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49	Thursday, May 20, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Pinole Valley High School		Judge Rhynes and the Community Outreach Members
50	Monday, May 24, 2004 12:25-1:00 p.m.	Carter Middle School	Non-Violence Assembly	Judge Gordon Baranco
51	Tuesday, May 25, 2004 12:00-12:30 p.m.	Carter Middle School	Expressing and Appreciating Individuals	Judge Evelio Grillo (20106)
52	Thursday, May 27, 2004 Court Tour (WWM)	Melrose Leadership Academy		Judge Rhynes and the Community Outreach Members
53	Wednesday, July 7, 2004 Court Tour (RCD)	YAP (Jackie Krentzman- jkrentzman@maildiablo.com)		Judge Gordon Baranco
54	Thursday, July 22, 2004 Court Tour (RCD) 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Education Unlimited (Matt Fraser- CEO; Abrol Fairweather- abrol@mac.com)		<i>Judge Gordon Baranco</i>

COURT LOCATION**BART DIRECTIONS****OTHER PUBLIC TRANSIT****ALAMEDA*****George E. McDonald Hall of Justice***

2233 Shoreline Drive

Alameda, CA 94501

Exit at the Fruitvale station and take the AC transit bus #50 to the Southshore Shopping Center. The Hall of Justice is located behind the shopping center.

AC Transit

<http://transitinfo.org/AC/>**FREMONT*****Fremont Hall of Justice***

39439 Paseo Padre Parkway

Fremont, CA 94538

Exit at the Fremont station. Upon leaving the station, you may take AC transit bus #24 to the Hall of Justice. You may also walk from the BART station. Exit the front of the station and through the parking lot to the Civic Center Drive. Proceed to the left until you come to Walnut Avenue and go right one block. You are now at Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left on to Paseo Padre Parkway. You will see the courthouse on the right side, first building.

Union City Transit

<http://transitinfo.org/UnionCity/>

Livermore Amador Valley:

<http://transitinfo.org/WHEELS/>**HAYWARD*****Hayward Hall of Justice***

24405 Amador Street

Hayward, CA 94544

Exit at the Hayward station. Transfer to any of the following three AC transit buses:

#86 to Winton Avenue exit at Amador Street and walk one-half block South.

#90 to Winton Avenue exit at Santa Clara Street and walk one block East on Winton to Amador Street.

#92 exit at Amador Street and Elmhurst Street and walk one-half block North on Amador Street to the courthouse.

OAKLAND***Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse***

661 Washington Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Allen E. Broussard Justice Center

Washington Street

Oakland, CA 94607

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse

1225 Fallon Street

Oakland, CA 94612

Exit at the Oakland City Center 12th Street station on 12th and Broadway. The Courthouse is six blocks west and 1 block north of the BART station at 7th and Washington Streets. You can take an AC transit bus (#58, #59, #88) down Broadway to within 1 block of the Courthouses. Or, exit at the Lake Merritt station on 9th and Oak Street. The Courthouses are 7 blocks North and 2 blocks West from the station. AC transit bus #82 will get you close.

Exit at Lake Merritt station at 9th and Oak Street. The Courthouse is 3 blocks east of the BART station at 12th and Oak Street and 1 block past the Oakland Museum of California.

PLEASANTON***Gale-Schenone Hall of Justice***

5672 Stoneridge Drive

Pleasanton, CA 94588

Take Pleasanton line to the Pleasanton station. Courthouse is about 1 mile from BART. Go east on Owens to Hacienda Dr. Right on Hacienda Drive. Left on Gibraltar. Left on Stoneridge Drive. The Courthouse is located on the right hand side.